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RESPONSE TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed April 21, 2008, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I: Claims 1-12, drawn to a hardcoat agent composition.

Applicants request that the Examiner expand the search to the non-elected claims of Group II, Claims 13-16, if the elected Group I claims are found allowable.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.